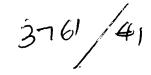
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is an Amendment in response to the Office Action mailed January 29, 2004, in the above-identified application.

Applicant petitions for an extension of time, the fees for which are set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a), for the total number of months checked below:

Total Months		Fee for			
Requested	<u>Exter</u>	Extension of Time			
one month two months three months	\$	110.00 420.00 950.00			

Extension of time fee due with this request: \$950.00.

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a Petition therefore.

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	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDIT. FEE
TOTAL	* 109	MINUS	**79	= 30	x 18 =	\$540.00
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\boxtimes	A check in the amount of \$1,490.00 is attached.				
	Please charge my Deposit Account No. 50-1349 the amount of \$				
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Respectfully submitted,

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